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In re the Application of

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For: DEVICE FOR REWRITING SOFTWARE PROGRAMS IN PERIPHERAL DEVICES  
CONNECTED TO A NETWORK

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In reply to the June 5, 2002 Office Action and the Request for Continued Examination filed herewith, the period for reply being extended by the attached Petition for Extension of Time, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please replace claims 1-8, 10 and 17-19 as follows:

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1. (Twice Amended) A peripheral device connected to a network comprising:  
a device judgment unit that judges whether another peripheral device, that is  
a same type as the peripheral device, is connected to the network;  
a transmission unit that performs transmission and reception of data over the  
network to and from the another peripheral device;  
a memory that stores a software program to be used by the peripheral device  
for executing prescribed operations;